

## The Old Man and His Dogs

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Before the coming of the great darkness, an old man lived with his pack of wild dogs. He had a good time hunting with his pack of wild dogs hunting. His dogs were very faithful and never failed to bring him games. As he entered into old age it was difficult for him to go hunting along with his dogs. Therefore he called all his dogs after preparing food for them. Then he said "my beloved dogs, now I am quite old to look after you and also unable to go hunting with you anymore. But do not forget the love and care that I have given to you. Therefore whenever you kill any animals leave a leg for me." But the dogs forgot their master and the promise they had given. The youngest dog remembered; as it was not given its share of food, it was angry with the old man. So when the other dogs tried to recall what the old man wanted, the youngest one told the other dogs that whenever they made a hunting, the old man wanted them to eat it and leave their droppings at the roadside for him. Therefore even to this day a wild dog always leaves his droppings on the road side.